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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown Jr.
Governor, State of California
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 2590 (WEBER)

Dear Governor Brown:

The Little Hoover Commission supports Assembly Bill 2590, the measure authored by Assemblymember Weber.

Following recent amendments, the bill revises the purpose of incarceration to be punishment, rehabilitation and restorative justice. These changes align with the Commission's recommendation in its 2014 report, *Sensible Sentencing for a Safer California*, to amend Penal Code Section 1170 to state that the purpose of imprisonment for crime is punishment as well as successful offender reintegration and reduced recidivism. In its study, the Commission found that sentencing based solely on retribution did not result in successful reintegration into society, and recommended the new goals for criminal justice sentencing as evidence-based approaches to protecting public safety.

Because Assembly Bill 2590 implements the Commission's recommendation, the Commission supports this measure to improve California's public safety outcomes, and encourages you to sign AB 2590. If I or the Commission can provide any further assistance or expertise, please do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

Carole D'Elia
Executive Director

c: Commissioners, Little Hoover Commission